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SUBJ: COMMERCIAL PURCHASE OF COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM

REF: STATE 63992 (DTG 162359Z MAR 76)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM GOK MINISTER OF DEFENSE SHAIKH SA'AD AL ABDULLA AL SABAH REQUESTING THAT EMBASSY SUGGEST LIST OF APPROVED COMPANIES FROM WHICH GOK COULD PURCHASE COMMERCIALLY A COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. OPERATIVE PORTION OF LETTER HAS BEEN TRANSLATED AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: " WITH REFERENCE TO THE PARAGRAPH RELATED TO COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM IN YOUR LETTER OF 20 MARCH 1976, WE INFORMED YOU THAT WE HAVE DECIDED TO PROCURE THAT SYSTEM THROUGH COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING. WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU NOMINATE THE COMPANIES YOU APPROVE OF TO CARRY OUT SUCH A PROJECT AS WE WANT TO DEAL WITH THEM DIRECTLY." UNQUOTE.

2. LETTER REFERRED TO IN TEXT QUOTED ABOVE PRESENTED ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ACQUIRING OF COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AS INCLUDED IN PARA 5 REFTEL.

3. OBVIOUSLY EMBASSY CANNOT PROVIDE "APPROVED" LIST OF COMPANIES,
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BUT WE COULD, OF COURSE, MAKE GOK INTEREST KNOWN TO U.S.

COMPANIES THROUGH ESTABLISHED COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER DOD CAN PROVIDE LIST OF COMPANIES QUALIFIED TO SET UP SUCH A COMMAND CONTROL SYSTEM AS WOULD BE NEEDED BY KUWAIT.

4. WHILE IT IS APPARENTLY SHAIKH SA'AD'S INTENTION TO PROCURE THIS SYSTEM COMMERCIALY RATHER THAN THROUGH FMS, THE AMBASSADOR HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM UTILITY OF HAVING STUDY PERFORMED BEFORE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT WAS DECIDED UPON. SHAIKH SA'AD IS STILL CONSIDERING THAT MATTER BUT HAS BEEN DIVERTED FOR TIME BEING BY HIS DUTIES AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR DUE TO RISING TENSION AS A RESULT OF LEBANESE CRISIS. REGARDLESS OF HIS DECISION REGARDING STUDY, EMBASSY FEELS THAT AMERICAN COMPANIES SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF DESIRE OF KUWAITI MOD TO PROCURE THIS SYSTEM COMMERCIALY SO THAT THEY WILL NOT BE PLACED AT DISADVANTAGE WITH POSSIBLE OTHER FOREIGN SUPPLIERS.

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